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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,302,552 B1 to David A. Ross et al., issued October 16, 2001;

Foreign Patent Documents

2. DE 195 38 547 A1, applicant VDO Adolf Shindling AG, published April 24, 1997 (with English language abstract); and
3. FR 2 679 998 A1, applicant Automobiles Peugeot, published February 5, 1993 (with English language abstract).

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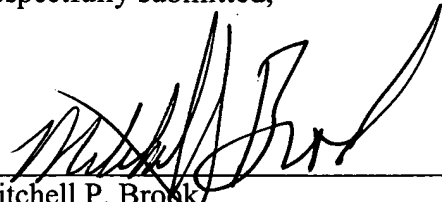
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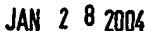
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